

BIG FIRE AT THE BEACH

Four Splendid Cottages Are Destroyed.

THE WORK OF LIFE SAVERS

Their Efforts and a Shift of Wind Saved More Disastrous Loss—Free Roads a Political Issue in Norfolk County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., October 26.—With a terrific gale blowing on the ocean front at Virginia Beach at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, fire was discovered in the cottage of Mr. Hugh C. Davis, and within a few minutes thereafter, fanned by the gale, the flames had spread to five other handsome seaside homes, reducing four of them to ashes and badly damaging the other two.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. The Davis cottage was situated in the middle of the long row of cottages, between the Princess Anne Hotel and the life-saving station. Soon after the fire was discovered the wind shifted and carried the flames away from the beach, and the mammoth frame structure must have been set on fire by the flying brands.

FINE BUILDINGS BURNED.
Some of the cottages burned were new, and all of them were modern and costly. The average loss will not be less than \$100,000. There is little insurance.

The cottages burned were the property of Messrs. Hugh C. Davis and C. A. Woodward and Mrs. Emily Thomas and Mrs. Mary Shedd. The cottage of the late Beverly D. Tucker was also damaged.

LIFE SAVERS' WORK.
The members of the life saving crew formed a bucket line and sent water to the burning buildings by hand. The spray sent up by the high wind also assisted in stopping the flames. The damage and loss is estimated at \$300,000 or \$400,000.

FREE ROADS AN ISSUE.
The Fusionists are making an issue in the present campaign of free roads for Norfolk county. They cite the fact that their Senator, Mr. Finley Cromwell, and Major E. W. Owens, one of their legislative candidates, introduced some time ago a bill in the Senate and House providing for the purchase by the county of all the toll roads now owned by private corporations, with a view to opening them after a reasonable time as public highways.

In their stump speeches and in the columns of their official organ, the Fusionists were responsible for the voting of the bill by Governor Manning.

MAKES ON HIS ARM.
The body of a white man with the initials J. M. C. on one arm and the left forefinger missing was washed ashore near Kitty Hawk on the North Carolina coast.

The initials J. M. C. on the arm of the body found to-day indicate that the remains are those of Joseph Campbell, of Portsmouth, who was lost on the barge coast.

Chief of Police Villines to-day received a message from the chief of police at Greensboro, N. C., informing him of the arrest at that place of a man supposed to be John Allen, wanted here for the murder on August 11th, last, of Ada Smith.

Allen for little cause cut her throat from ear to ear and the woman died on the spot.

The barge Liberty arrived to-day and reported the loss of one of her crew, "John Mulder" of Amsterdam. He was knocked overboard by the boom.

REMARKABLE ACQUITTAL.
W. B. Brown, a negro preacher, charged with criminally assaulting Dora Bure, an imbecile white girl, was acquitted to-day under remarkable circumstances. The mother of the child alleged to have been outraged, testified that she knew nothing of the matter but had been persuaded to swear out the warrant against the man.

The mental condition of the alleged victim was such that she could not testify. The case, therefore, on recommendation of Commonwealth's Attorney Marshall, dropped.

He stated to the jury that the evidence did not justify conviction and therefore, on behalf of the Commonwealth, asked an acquittal.

HIGHWAYMEN REPEATED.
The seven-year-old son of Herbert W. Spratley, to-day secured a two-thousand-dollar verdict against the Norfolk Railway and Light Company. The child seized a live wire and was injured. The verdict is subject to a demurrer.

ROBBERY.
Robert Welsh, a stranger from North Carolina, was assaulted, robbed thrown into a marsh and left for dead by Norfolk county highwaymen last night.

He had just arrived here from Charlotte, N. C., and had but \$16 with him. It was all stolen. He remained all night where he had been thrown. He is in the jail hospital now.

John Rose was also held up last night.

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THE SITUATION AT LEXINGTON

The Official Reports of Fever Cases Show No Extension of Disease.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Oct. 26.—Lexington enjoys the distinction among the smaller towns of the State of having a Board of Health and a paid health officer. Because of this Board of Health records are kept of all diseases and deaths in the community, so that this information can be secured from reliable sources. This board has been at work for some time investigating as to the cause of the presence of typhoid fever, and this work has naturally called undue attention to the number of cases in town.

From the reports published by the State Board of Health, Lexington is not the only town afflicted with this disease. Dr. John F. Anderson, acting manager of the Hygienic Institute of Washington and a bacteriologist of note, and Dr. James C. Perry, sanitary expert, who spent four years in the Philippine Islands on scientific investigations, both gentlemen assistant surgeons in the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, spent several days here inspecting the town and surroundings. They took with them to Washington for analysis specimens of the water from various localities, on the result of which they will base their report.

In the meantime the town authorities, in conjunction with the Board of Health, are doing everything in their power to hold the disease in check and find the conditions at present to be:

One new case has been reported since October 18th, making in all thirty-five cases reported during this month. The only critical case, that of Mr. Percy S. White, of Texas, a freshman student at Washington and Lee, has died. Mr. White was exposed to the disease before coming to Lexington, and helped to nurse a member of his own household who had fever. Of the nine cases at the Virginia Military Institute, two have gone to their homes, four are convalescent, two severe and one mild. One additional cadet is under observation. This information is furnished by Dr. H. P. Howard, surgeon at the institute.

No new cases are reported among the students or among the residents of the community, and all now afflicted with the disease are doing well. Many of them have fever in a very mild form.

GOOD ROADS BARBECUE

Distinguished Speakers, and Money Fledged for Road Building.

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LEESBURG, VA., October 26.—A large barbecue was held at Herndon on Saturday afternoon in the interest of good roads by the Leesburg District Good Roads Association. About four hundred people were present, and witnessed the construction of a section of a macadam road under the direction of expert road builders.

Speeches were made appropriate to the occasion by John F. Rixey, H. St. George Tucker, John F. Ryan, Robert E. Lee, Jr., Mr. Richards, the industrial agent of the Southern Railway; L. F. Schade, Dr. Dewitt and others. Several thousand dollars were pledged to carry on the work of macadamizing the roads of Fairfax county.

A Remakable Wreck.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Oct. 26.—As the train on the Piedmont, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad (garroga) was on its way to Orange Court-house from this city to-day, the box car in rear of the passenger train, carrying the truck near White's. The car broke loose and rolled down an embankment fifteen feet. In the car was a horse belonging to Mr. C. H. Hickman, with a man in charge, and a quantity of baggage and freight. The man, Richard Patton, of Palmont, jumped out of the car as it was rolling over, and was not injured. The horse was thrown into one corner of the car, but was not seriously injured. After a short delay, the train continued on to Orange, a wrecking crew having arrived to take charge of the wreck. The wreck was being done up and the track injured to some extent. No one was hurt.

BATTERED SAFE OPENED

Burglars Failed to Get Large Booty

Louisiana.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LOUISIANA, VA., Oct. 26.—Postmaster Cunningham succeeded to-day in opening the safe that was so badly broken and battered by burglars last Thursday night, and found the contents unharmed. He estimated the booty of the burglars at \$150, not including the assistant's gold watch, which they evidently took, for the damage to the safe. So far as is known there is no clue to the burglars.

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MEETING OF SUPERVISORS

Deal With Affairs Important to Chesterfield.

TO BUILD A NEW BRIDGE

An Elevated Approach, and a Straight Line from Chesterfield Side Into Petersburg—Bids for Bridge Over Swift Creek.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIELD, VA., Oct. 26.—The County Supervisors met to-day. Rumor had it that Mr. R. A. Bowen, who for about a dozen years has been the representative of Manchester District, would resign his office before the expiration of his term, but he was on duty to-day and gave no intimation of his purpose to sever his connection with the Board of Supervisors this year. All six members of the board are candidates for re-election except Mr. Bowen and only one of the five has opposition, namely, Mr. J. W. Nunnally, of Bermuda District, who is being opposed by Mr. W. S. Duval.

BRIDGE TO PETERSBURG.
Mr. George Mason, attorney for the city of Petersburg, petitioned the Board on behalf of his city for permission for it or for the United States government, in effecting the deflection of the Appomattox River, in the scheme to improve the channel of that stream, to cut a canal across the bed of the Manchester and Petersburg Turnpike at the foot of Spill's Hill on the edge of the Chesterfield side, and to construct a new bridge over the Appomattox from Chesterfield to Petersburg, which shall be in a straight line with the present line of the turnpike in approaching the city from the north and will enter the city at the foot of Second Street instead of being built from the abutments in Pocahontas as the present bridge is.

The "diversion scheme," as it is called, will take considerable meadow land on the Chesterfield side in order to give the Appomattox sufficient channel for its surplus freshet water and all the necessary land down to the mouth of Old Town Creek has already been acquired by the city of Petersburg by purchase or condemnation.

Permission to take part of the Petersburg Turnpike was readily granted by the board, as they believed the new bridge with an elevated approach would be a benefit to this county, the old road bed at that point being subject to overflow and in many ways dangerous.

OLD TURNPIKE QUESTION.
Messrs. J. Wallace Spill, W. O. Watkins and others filed a petition asking that the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway be held bound under their obligation to put the Manchester and Petersburg Turnpike in good traveling condition until further investigation on the part of the board could be made, and the matter was continued until the next meeting in November.

Representatives of the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company and the King Bridge Co., of Ohio, appeared before the board to-day with their bids for constructing a new iron bridge across Swift Creek near the Courthouse, as it was understood that the contract for this work had been let at this time. The new bridge will cost something like three thousand dollars, and in view of the new road law for Chesterfield county and the fact that much money may be spent on roads this winter and next spring, the board decided that it would be more prudent to defer letting this contract until the early part of next year.

Judge S. L. Farrar is expected here tomorrow to witness the counting of the election ballots for next Tuesday.

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Judge Aiken made an order, requiring Luther to pay Allessa, Pentrus and Harris, his wife's attorneys, the sum of \$300. The order also gives Mrs. Luther and her children the use of the dwelling during the pendency of the suit, and restrains and forbids Luther from mistreating, abusing or interfering with his wife and children, or in any way attempting to control them during the pendency of this suit.

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